

## **Social and Civic Responsibility – Case Studies**

For each of the case studies below consider the following questions:

1. Describe your strategy (What).
2. How does this activity relate to Social and Civic Responsibility (So What)?
3. How can you apply this activity to your curriculum (Now What)?

### **1. Auto Accident**

You are driving through town with your family when another driver runs a stop sign and puts a dent in your front fender and bumper. No one is hurt, but you believe there is enough damage to report the accident. The other driver doesn't think the damage is significant and although he gives you his identification information, he leaves the scene without admitting fault. You call the police, but after 3 hours of waiting, they call back and tell you to come in to the station tomorrow and fill out a report. What will you do?

### **2. Your Apartment**

You live in a rented apartment, and the manager is very prompt in collecting your rent, but is very slow when it comes to replacing light bulbs, fixing the plumbing, or basic repair work. What can you do about it?

### **3. Employee of the Year**

At your workplace, there is a ceremony where the "Employee of the Year" is honored. You attend the ceremony, and are dismayed to learn that this year's award is going to someone who is unethical and dishonest. What will you do?

### **4. Trash on the Beach**

You are on vacation at the beach and while sunning yourself, you notice a group of teenagers just leaving. They do not bother to pick up trash, including cans, wrappers, and discarded food. They have left an unsightly mess. What will you do?

### **5. Crowding in Line**

You are standing in a long line to purchase tickets to an upcoming concert. There are a limited amount of tickets and you have some anxiety because the line is rather long. You have been standing in line for 3 hours. Up ahead of you six people join a friend who has been "holding" a place for them. What will you do?

### **6. Fighting Students**

You are at a high school football game and on your way out of the stadium you notice a crowd of students gathering in an alley way. There is some shouting and as you get closer it is evident that two students are fighting. A crowd of students has gathered around them and are cheering them on. What will you do?

### **7. The Movie**

You have been waiting for the release of a favorite movie. When you finally come to the theatre to see it you sit next to some people who are noisy and are spitting sun flower seeds all over. They are making it impossible for you to enjoy the show. What will you do?

**8. Neighbor's Dog**

The neighbor's dog, out walking, relieves itself at will. And it's not tied up - bad tempered, it chases and barks at everyone. What will you do about it?

**9. Taxi Driver**

You are in a large city and need to get from the airport to a hotel. You hail a taxi cab. The driver has air conditioning, but is not using it, and has the car windows rolled down. When you ask him to turn it on, he explains that the air outside is just as cool and refuses to do so. What will you do?

**10. Television**

You are watching television one evening when a program comes on that you find very offensive. There is vulgar language, demeaning behavior, and graphic violence. It is on in the early evening when your family members, including young children may be watching. Your teenagers don't see anything wrong with it. What will you do?

**11. Spouse insult**

You are walking down the street with your spouse or girl/boy friend. There are five or six boys up ahead who are just "hanging out" on the corner up ahead. One of them uses a filthy term to describe your partner, and then all the boys laugh. What will you do?

**12. The Bus Ride**

You are riding on a bus with a few friends and having a good time laughing and joking with them. You are all sitting down, but sometimes you laugh a little loud. Suddenly the bus stops in a bad part of town and the driver orders you off the bus. He tells you that he has been watching you in the mirror and listening to you and your friends. He considers your conduct disruptive and distracting. What will you do?